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CENTENARY OBSERVED BY MASONIC LODGE

TWO HUNDRED PRESENT AT SIGNAL EVENT

Many Subscription Made Toward Fund for Erecting New Temple in Village—Lodge Aims to Build Within Two Years.

Monday night of this week was a red-letter occasion in the annals of the local Masonic lodge, as it signified the centenary anniversary of the founding of the order in Medina village.

The occasion was given added significance by affording an opportunity for discussing the question of erecting a beautiful and pretentious new temple in the village, an ambition that members of the lodge have possessed for a number of years, and a fund for which has been steadily growing during those years.

The meeting Monday night was preceded by a 6 o'clock dinner at the Congregational church, which about 200 partook. The speaker at this function was Robert E. Lee, of Akron, an officer of the State Chapter. Mr. Lee's talk was of a general character, and largely congratulatory.

At the lodge rooms following the dinner the members listened to an address by Grand Master of State Lodge John R. Slotron of Dayton, who also extended congratulations to the Medina lodge upon its unusual extension of life, generalizing upon the work of the great order.

That the members of the Medina lodge are sanguine for a new temple was evidenced by the generous subscriptions made to the building fund Monday night. A number of subscriptions, totalling more than \$1000 was paid in at the time, it is reported, and with the subscriptions an amount approximating \$7000 was obtained.

It is stated that the lodge has at the present time between \$15,000 and \$20,000, perhaps nearer the latter amount, available for building purposes, and that in all probability the erection of the temple will be begun within the next two years.

Medina Lodge, No. 58, A. F. & A. M., was organized in 1820, by M. W. Snow, Grand Master and W. Abram McDowell, Grand Secretary. The following were the charter members, and among them will be recognized many of the earliest settlers of the town and county; Rev. R. Searle, Rufus Ferris, Seth Blood, Noah M. Bronson, Lathrop Seymour, W. L. Peets, Julius Chidester, Ransom Clark, Lemuel Thayer, Jason Hubbell, B. M. Atherton, Geo. L. Chapman and Abraham Froese—the latter being named in the charter as the first Worshipful Master.

History states that the local lodge suffered during the Morgan excitement in 1828-30, and was forced to suspend work for a time in consequence. While the lodge remained dormant the property fell into the hands of enemies. Subsequently the jewels and some of the books were restored, but the charter was lost. The charter was reissued in 1843, since which time the lodge has flourished.

CHILLICOTHE POLICE GET MEDINA RUNAWAYS

Will Hurlbaeus and Russell Sprankle, the two Medina lads who surreptitiously left Medina on Tuesday night of last week, were apprehended on Thursday night at Chillicothe, Ohio.

The previous week Hurlbaeus had been committed to the Boys' Industrial School at Lancaster, but escaped from Deputy Al Young at Columbus en route. Hurlbaeus returning to Medina the following Monday, was seen by a number of acquaintances, but was successful in eluding the officials. He called at the home of John Sprankle Tuesday night, and soon after both boys disappeared.

According to the officials at Chillicothe the boys arrive in that city on a freight train. Their mode of travel excited the suspicion of an officer, who took them in charge. After some grilling the boys admitted having run away from their homes in Medina.

Sheriff Bigelow was communicated with Thursday night of this week and Deputy Hange left at once for Chillicothe, from whence he took Hurlbaeus directly to Lancaster. Sprankle went along, too, and returned with Deputy Hange to Medina, later going to his home.

COMMISSION DECIDES PHONE CHARGE DISPUTE

The long controversy between the Star Telephone Co. of Wadsworth and the Medina County Farmers' Telephone Co. as to the right of the former company to impose a five cent toll for service between Wadsworth and River Styx, which it has been doing for some time, was brought to an end last week, by a decision handed down by the State Utilities Commission.

Several protests had been filed with the Commission and the fight was taken up by the directors of the Farmers' Company, who were represented at the hearing by Attorney H. J. Sadler of Wadsworth.

The Farmers' Company was organized because of the refusal of the Medina Telephone Company and the Wadsworth Telephone Company (now the Star Telephone Company) to extend their services into the territory now occupied by the Farmers' Co.

The latter company purposed establishing an exchange at Wadsworth, but was persuaded not to do so by the Wadsworth Telephone Company by entering into an agreement whereby the latter company was to perform the exchange service.

This was prior to the enactment of the Public Utilities Act, which now prevents the Farmers' Company from entering the village of Wadsworth and establishing its own exchange, and the Commission, in rendering its decision, states that it was considerably influenced by these circumstances.

The Commission orders the Star Telephone Company to desist from imposing the five cent toll, and to refund all such charges during the pendency of the proceedings just closed.

WANT BEST THOUGHT ON TAX PROBLEM

CONDITIONS ALARM AUDITORS OF STATE

Kiwanis Club Endorses Conference and Appoints Delegate to First Meeting at Columbus, to be Held Jan. 6 and 7.

Believing that the question of taxation is perhaps the paramount issue before the people of Ohio today, and in view of the fact that the subject of taxation will be the outstanding one for consideration by the newly-elected General Assembly, the auditors of the state are inaugurating a movement looking toward the organization in Ohio of those men who are given to thought on taxation matters into a body, to be known by some such name as "The Ohio Tax Association."

The purpose of this organization would be to consider and discuss taxation matters with the possible view of being of some assistance in contributing to thought along such lines, thus tending to clarify views on Ohio's problem.

The further suggestion is made that the meeting of this organization could be held in conjunction with the Auditors' association. Thus the best talent in America on the subject of taxation might be brought to Columbus from year to year.

It is also suggested that taxation and civic committees of Chambers of Commerce, Farm Bureaus, Kiwanis, Rotary and Exchange clubs, real estate boards, mayors, solicitors, school men, members of the General Assembly, etc., would be interested in a high grade session of this character.

The idea was presented to the Medina Kiwanis club at its luncheon last Friday, endorsed unanimously, and Fremont O. Phillips was delegated to represent the local organization at a meeting to be held at the state capital on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 6 and 7.

County Auditor Washburn heartily favors the plan and was instrumental in bringing the matter to the attention of the Kiwanis club.

MUST SERVE LIMA

An emergency order was issued by the State Utilities Commission last Friday, directing the Medina Gas & Fuel Co. to supply the city of Lima with gas, through the distributing company in that city, "to the extent of its ability." The order is to continue only pending the determining of a case now before the commission relative to rates to be charged by the producing company.

Medina to Publicly Observe Xmas

CAROLISTS WILL SING FOR THE AGED AND INFIRM WHILE CHILDREN ARE REMEMBERED WITH TREE

Christmas will be publicly observed in Medina, and symbolized by the time-honored Christmas tree, in the park. The tree will radiate with multi-colored lights, and around its base will group more than an hundred carolists, most of them little children, whose happy voices will carry paeans of good will, and revive the ancient spirit of the herald angels.

Following the public jubilee the carolists will be conveyed in groups throughout the village, visiting the aged and those unable to be out, with their voices carrying the joyous message.

The order of the program is rather the reverse of last year, and in the opinion of the committee in charge will be more satisfactory. This committee is composed of Mrs. P. C. Bigelow, chairman; Miss Clara Wheatley, Mrs. W. J. Wall, Mrs. G. M. Wait, Miss Mabelle Musser and John Beck.

The carolists will be divided into nine groups of about fifteen singers to a group, the leaders being respectively as follows:

- (1) Helen Burnham, Florence Sipher,
- (2) Esther Wertz, Evalyn Thatcher;
- (3) Everybody welcome. Rev. A. Florence Thatcher, Regina Bartunek;
- (4) Elsie Gates, Mabelle Musser;
- (5) Florence Phillips, Lucille Offinier;
- (6) Halcyon Yoder, Abbie Earl;
- (7) Jennie Bowman, Pearl Drake;
- (8) Miss Easthouse, Genevieve Longacre.

The carolists will meet at Kern Bros. store on West Washington street at 6 p. m. From there they will proceed to the platform on the east side of the park where will stand the Christmas tree. Last year the program at the tree was not given until after the return of the carolists from their trips about the village, because of which many people did not wait to hear it.

The tree has been provided by Mr. E. R. Root, the lighting of the tree by the Ohio Gas & Electric Co., and the Y. M. C. A. boys have volunteered to cut the tree and erect it.

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HERE'S CHANCE FOR REAL XMAS SERVICE

Do you know of a needy family, or a little boy or girl, or an old man or old lady who are not going to have a merry Christmas unless some one lends to their Christmas cheer? If so, will you at once report their names either to Mrs. N. S. Kellogg or Miss Minnie Wells?

If you have any children's clothing, stockings or overcoats, ages from one to 15 years, that you can spare, will you send it to the Sylvester library before Friday noon of this week? It will then be sorted and made part of the Christmas packages to be sent to a number of needy families in this community.

The King's Daughters, W. C. T. U., Red Cross, American Legion, Kiwanis Club and Medina Civic Organization are looking after this good work through a central committee. Come on and help.

SAVED FROM THE LAW BY WIFE HE DESERTED

Tired of the paramour for whom he deserted his wife and five minor children on Nov. 4, Joseph C. Bowman returned to his home in Wadsworth last week, leaving the girl, Anna Mathe, a 15-year-old Hungarian lass, at Chatham, Canada.

On his return to Wadsworth, Bowman went direct to his home, where he was affectionately greeted by the woman he had so cruelly sorrowed and disgraced. But the reunion was interrupted soon after by Marshal Lucas, with an order for Bowman to appear before Mayor Boyer.

When the case came up, Bowman's wife plead for his release on the ground that his support was needed at home. This was apparent to Mayor Boyer, and Bowman was paroled to the custody of his wife.

It was made plain to Bowman that so long as he does right his freedom will not be intruded upon, but henceforth his first departure from the "straight and narrow" will result in his being turned over to federal authorities.

YOUNG MAN IN JAIL ON FORGERY CHARGE

Lee Buck, giving his age as 20, was brought to the county jail last Friday by Marshal Tom Lucas of Wadsworth having been bound over to the grand jury by Mayor Boyer on a charge of forgery.

Buck makes no denial of the charge. He states that he forged two checks, each for \$25, signing the name of Bert Baird of the contracting firm of Peter & Baird of Wadsworth, but cashed only one of the checks, and that one at Fah's drug store, also in Wadsworth.

The young man says he was born in Marietta, O. He had been doing some road work, but was short of money and says he thought forgery an easy way of augmenting his exchequer.

Buck is not strong physically and the impression one gains from conversing with him is that his intellectual endowment is equally deficient.

LEGION BOYS TO STAGE FAMOUS MUSICAL COMEDY

American Legion boys are always doing something worth while. No sooner do they put across one successful venture than they immediately set about for "fresh fields to conquer."

Now comes the information that the local post is about to make a new departure in the erstwhile character of its entertainments, and will produce a musical comedy, with home talent.

The boys have contracted with the J. B. Rogers Producing Co. to supervise the staging of the production, which is set for the evenings of Jan. 11 and 12, at the Princess theater.

The title of the musical comedy is "Miss Bob White," which enjoyed a two years' continuous run in New York city with Raymond Hitchcock in the stellar role.

The caste for the production has not yet been assigned, but Medina has a wealth of talent from which to draw, and that the forthcoming production will be presented in a masterful way is not to be doubted.

The financial arrangement with the producing company is a "fifty-fifty" one, the Legion's share of the net proceeds to be turned into the Community Building fund.

MEDINA SOON TO HAVE NEW COUNTY AGENT

According to information given out at the Farm Bureau office this week, Medina is to have a new County Farm Agent before long.

For some time the bureau committee has been looking around for a man who could qualify for the position and who was in a position to accept the appointment. A few weeks ago the committee got in touch with such a candidate in R. H. Halderson of Elkins, W. Va., who has been county agent there for the past five years, and whose record is said to have proved exceptionally high.

Mr. Halderson was in Medina last week for a conference with the bureau committee and for the purpose of looking over the field. According to Mr. Brant Early, executive secretary of the Farm Bureau, Mr. Halderson expressed himself as very favorably impressed. He stated, said Early, that his acceptance would only be contingent upon the result of a visit to three other counties that are without agents and who have extended to him a position. Two of these counties are in Illinois and the other in Indiana. Mr. Halderson felt it a duty, he said, to visit these counties, although he felt almost certain that he would decide to come to Medina, and would be able to make an early decision.

EX-POSTMASTER PAROLED

Roy E. Faber former postmaster of Rittman who was sent to the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., last May for a term of 15 months, has been released on parole.

Faber served about seven months of his term. While at the Atlanta institution he was a trusted man and was engaged in driving a car outside the prison most of the time.

MAY HAVE ANOTHER CITY MAIL CARRIER

Medina village patrons of the local postoffice will get better mail service in the near future if the authorities at Washington heed a request which was made last week, that an extra carrier be assigned to the city work.

Medina village has but three local carriers—the same number which were assigned here when the free delivery service was started 14 years ago. During this time the amount of mail handled thru this channel has increased four fold, and the parcels post system has tended further to make heavier deliveries until it is now physically impossible for three carriers to make more than one trip some days.

Should the postoffice officials accede to the request for this additional help, it will be possible for all city carriers to make their two deliveries a day in the eight hours which the government allows them on duty.

TALK ON "THE NAVY"

Members of the Kiwanis club were entertained and enlightened at their luncheon last Friday by an old Medina boy, Lieut. Commander Ross P. Schlabach, who gave a half-hour talk on "The Navy." Lieut. Schlabach has risen to prominence in the naval department of his country by long years of hard work and close application to duty, and therefore his talk last Friday was doubly interesting coming from one who could speak with such intimate knowledge of his subject. Lieut. Schlabach confined the brief time allotted him to describing the making of a battle ship, from the general discussion of the style and size of vessel to be built, by those in authority, to the final launching of the finished leviathan.

ANNUAL MEETING OF FARM BUREAU

PLANS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN JAN. 15

Pres. Elliott Lauds Work of Bureau—To be Governed by an Advisory Board Henceforth—Wants Fox Protection Law Abolished.

The Medina County Farm Bureau met in the Court House Saturday the 18th, for their annual meeting.

Pres. Paul Elliott summed up the year's work in the county and also in the State and American Federation and outlined the work for the future. Pres. Elliott said that the Farm Bureau had in less than a year's time gained the confidence of not only the farmers but the confidence and support of the people as a whole.

The American Federation has now over a million and a half members in 37 states. The state of Ohio has a membership of 60,000 at \$10 a year. The Farm Bureau has increased in power thru its increase in membership until it has been recognized in legislative and financial circles.

The business session took up the new constitution and it was adopted as read.

In the future the Farm Bureau will be governed by an advisory board of directors and the executive committee elected by them.

In the election of officers for the coming year Paul P. Elliott was re-elected by a unanimous vote, which shows the appreciation of the members for the expense of time and money that Mr. Elliott has put in for the good of the organization; E. W. Nettleton was re-elected vice president; R. E. Lance, secretary and the new office of treasurer was filled by Carl Abbott.

The body voted for a clean-up membership campaign in each township on January 15.

A resolution to secure the abolition of the law protecting foxes was sent to O. F. F. B.

A protest was also sent to the Federation against gas and oil companies taking long time leases.

L. J. Tabor of the State Grange and Murray D. Lincoln, secretary of the State Federation were to have given addresses at the meeting but failed to arrive.

J. H. Larrimore, former publicity director of the Anti-saloon league and now publicity director of the O. F. F. B., substituted for Sec'y. Lincoln.

Mr. Larrimore outlined the program of work to be carried on in the state the coming year.

1921 FAIR TO BE HELD SEPT. 20-1-2

OFFICERS DECIDE AT ANNUAL MEETING

Officers Elected and Department Superintendents Named—Committee Appointed to Meet With State Department in January.

An important meeting of the directors of the Medina County Agricultural society was held on Monday at the town hall, at which time officers were elected for the coming year, the dates for the 1921 Fair determined, and many other items of business transacted.

The morning session which was called to order by President Don L. Crawford at 10:30 o'clock, was devoted principally to the report of the secretary for the year 1920, which was accepted, and which showed a cash balance in the treasury of the society for approximately \$1800.

The afternoon session was held in the office of the Medina County Farm Bureau, through invitation of the executive secretary, Brant Early, the election of officers for the coming year being the first business to come before the meeting, and resulting as follows:

President, A. M. Baughman.
Vice President, H. C. Hulbert.
Secretary, F. M. Plank (re-elected).
Treasurer, C. C. Cheeny.

Taking up the question of the date for the 1921 Fair, it was finally decided to hold it on Sept. 20, 21, and 22.

A. L. Baughman and R. M. Albert were appointed delegates to the annual meeting of the State Department of Agriculture and Ohio Fair Boys' at Columbus on Jan. 12 and 13, with full authority to close contracts with privilege men for the 1921 Fair.

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AUXILIARY FORMED

A woman's auxiliary to the American Legion was formed in Medina last week in the parlor of the Winyah club, resulting in the election of the following officers:

President, Mrs. H. P. H. Robinson; vice president, Mrs. W. O. Kindig; secretary, Mrs. J. F. Borger; treasurer, Mrs. Leland Longacre.

On account of the stormy weather at the time, there were not many at the meeting. Nevertheless much interest is being manifested, and indications point to a large and active organization.

Application has already been made for a charter, the membership of which is to be confined to ten. These ten members, not yet secured, are to be Gold Star members, or those who lost a husband, son or brother in the late war. The charter will be left open until such time as this class of membership can be obtained.

SHOPPERS SEE FIGHT

Patrons of the Steingass & Bradway store who had not yet been waited on about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, had the pleasure of witnessing a physical set-to between Wm. Morgan and "Happy Harry" Russell. What started the rumpus is best known by the principals. Suffice to say, however, that uppercuts were being dealt out in hunks before those in the store could get their bearings, the honors it is said, being about even when the two men were at last pried loose from each other. "Happy Harry" is a much smaller man than Morgan, but the difference was in a measure offset, say those who were there by Harry implanting two strong blows in Bill's face before the latter had time to fall on him. In the melee a show case was broken.

ANNAPOLIS CHANCE

Congressman Martin L. Davy announces that the 14th Congressional district, of which Medina county is a part, is entitled to the appointment of three men to the naval academy at Annapolis.

These appointments, it is learned, will be made upon the recommendation of the various American Legion posts in the district. Any Medina county boy to whom such an appointment appeals, should get in touch with the American Legion at once, and also with Congressman Davy, who desires to make the appointments before his retirement from office.